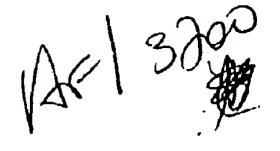


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Dear Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER ROTOG ? Responsive to the Office action dated February 4, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2 through 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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